

for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories; State of Nevada, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection" (FRL No. 8550-9) received on March 31, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5653. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Delegation of New Source Performance Standards and National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for the States of Arizona and Nevada" (FRL No. 8551-1) received on March 31, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5654. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Implementation Plan for the Billings/Laurel, Montana, Sulfur Dioxide Area" ((RIN2008-AA01)(FRL No. 8551-2)) received on March 31, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5655. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards Designations for the Early Action Compact Areas" ((RIN2060-AO83)(FRL No. 8550-1)) received on March 31, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5656. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program: Modification to the Weighting Methodology Used to Calculate the Low-Income Benchmark Amount" (RIN0938-AP25) received on March 31, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5657. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Partnership Audit Techniques Guide—Chapters 1, 2, and 7" (Docket No. LMSB-04-0208-007) received on March 25, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5658. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coordinated Issue: Cost Sharing Stock Based Compensation" (Docket No. LMSB-04-0208-005) received on March 25, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5659. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Classification of Certain Foreign Entities" (TD 9388) received on March 25, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5660. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tier I Issue - Foreign Tax Credit Generator Directive" (Docket No. LMSB-04-0208-003) received on March 25, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5661. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2008 Annual Report of the Boards of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5662. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tier I Transfer of

Intangibles Offshore/Section 482 Cost Sharing Buy-in Payment Issue Directive No. 2" (Docket No. LMSB-04-0308-016) received on March 25, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5663. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Government of Cuba's compliance with several agreements; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5664. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to Federal sector equal employment opportunity complaints filed with the Office during fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 468. A resolution designating April 2008 as "National 9-1-1 Education Month".

By Mr. KENNEDY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 579. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

## EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Catharina Haynes, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

Rebecca A. Gregory, of Texas, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas for the term of four years.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 2812. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the provision of telehealth services under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BUNNING (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. BAYH):

S. 2813. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to take action with respect to currency manipulation by the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 2814. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water Au-

thority for the planning, design, and construction of the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DODD, Mr. REED, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 2815. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 in order to increase unsubsidized Stafford loan limits for undergraduate students, provide for a secondary market for FFEL loans, allow for the in-school deferment of PLUS loans, augment the maximum Federal Pell Grant for the lowest income students, and expand the number of students eligible to obtain loans under the lender-of-last-resort program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 2816. A bill to provide for the appointment of the Chief Human Capital Officer of the Department of Homeland Security by the Secretary of Homeland Security; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 2817. A bill to establish the National Park Centennial Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, and Mr. GREGG):

S. 2818. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Public Health Service Act to provide for enhanced health insurance marketplace pooling and relating market rating; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 2819. A bill to preserve access to Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program during an economic downturn, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 2820. A bill to amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to extend and expand the number of States qualifying for supplemental grants under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SUNUNU, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. SNOWE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. GRAHAM, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DODD, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. SMITH, Mr. THUNE, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. STEVENS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. BIDEN):

S. 2821. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the limited continuation of clean energy production incentives and incentives to improve energy efficiency in order to prevent a downturn in these sectors that would result from a lapse in the tax law; to the Committee on Finance.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. CASEY):

S. Res. 499. A resolution urging Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas, who is also the head of the Fatah Party, to officially abrogate the 10 articles in the Fatah Constitution that call for Israel's destruction and terrorism against Israel, oppose any political solution, and label Zionism as racism; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. BAYH):

S. Res. 500. A resolution honoring military children during "National Month of the Military Child"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KYL, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURR, Mr. BYRD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DODD, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KERRY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KOHL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WEBB, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 501. A resolution honoring the sacrifice of the members of the United States Armed Forces who have been killed in Iraq and Afghanistan; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. ALLARD:

S. Res. 502. A resolution commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Space Foundation; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DODD, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. Res. 503. A resolution recognizing and honoring the 40th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act and the 20th anniversary of the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. Con. Res. 73. A concurrent resolution expressing Congressional support for the goals and ideals of National Health Care Decisions Day; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 22

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 22, a bill to amend title 38, United

States Code, to establish a program of educational assistance for members of the Armed Forces who serve in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 45

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 45, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make a technical correction in the definition of outpatient speech-language pathology services.

S. 206

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 206, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 329

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 329, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation services.

S. 406

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 406, a bill to ensure local governments have the flexibility needed to enhance decision-making regarding certain mass transit projects.

S. 439

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 439, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation.

S. 459

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 459, a bill to require that health plans provide coverage for a minimum hospital stay for mastectomies, lumpectomies, and lymph node dissection for the treatment of breast cancer and coverage for secondary consultations.

S. 582

At the request of Mr. VITTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 582, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to classify automatic fire sprinkler systems as 5-year property for purposes of depreciation.

S. 773

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 773, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Fed-

eral civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 1223

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. GREGG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1223, a bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to support efforts by local or regional television or radio broadcasters to provide essential public information programming in the event of a major disaster, and for other purposes.

S. 1243

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1243, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to reduce the age for receipt of military retired pay for non-regular service from 60 years of age to 55 years of age.

S. 1954

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1954, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to pharmacies under part D.

S. 1995

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1995, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the tax on beer to its pre-1991 level.

S. 2029

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2029, a bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to provide for transparency in the relationship between physicians and manufacturers of drugs, devices, or medical supplies for which payment is made under Medicare, Medicaid, or SCHIP.

S. 2042

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2042, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct activities to rapidly advance treatments for spinal muscular atrophy, neuromuscular disease, and other pediatric diseases, and for other purposes.

S. 2240

At the request of Mr. VITTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2240, a bill to prohibit termination of employment of volunteer firefighters and emergency medical personnel responding to emergencies, and for other purposes.

S. 2384

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2384, a bill to authorize the Chief of Engineers to conduct a feasibility